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Senate Resolution 9

By: Senator Tarver of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Tuskegee Airmen and Bryton Entertainment; and for other
- 2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen were an all black squadron of pilots who broke through
- 4 unimaginable obstacles during World War II to become one of the greatest success stories
- 5 in military history; and
- 6 WHEREAS, dubbed the "Redtail Angels" by the Allied bomber crews, these brave airmen
- 7 flew escort missions into the heart of Italy and Germany, allowing Allied bombers to safely
- 8 and effectively reach their targets; and
- 9 WHEREAS, not only did these ground-breaking pilots battle the enemy overseas during war,
- 10 the Tuskegee Airmen fought great racial obstacles and prejudice in their country back home;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Bryton Entertainment, a creative video productions company, has produced an
- 13 hour and forty-five minute documentary in which the Tuskegee Airmen themselves recall
- 14 their experiences; and
- WHEREAS, this great piece of living history is unique in that it provides the pilots' first-hand
- accounts of their missions, the obstacles they faced, and their perspectives on what the
- 17 Tuskegee Airmen stood for; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a dedication honoring the bravery, sacrifice, and fortitude of the Tuskegee
- 19 Airmen will be held on January 17, 2009, in Augusta, Georgia, where the remarkable Bryton
- 20 Entertainment documentary will debut; and
- 21 WHEREAS, this momentous event being held at the Partridge Inn will feature six of the
- 22 original intrepid Redtail Angels: Roscoe Brown, Lee Archer, Alexander Jefferson, Hiram

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23 Little, Ray Williams, and Leroy Eley, all of whom will be available for autographs and

- 24 pictures; and
- 25 WHEREAS, the accomplishments and history of the Tuskegee Airmen are an important
- 26 piece of American history and the Bryton Entertainment documentary honoring these
- 27 courageous men is sure to become a national treasure.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that members of this body
- 29 join in honoring the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and extend sincere gratitude to Bryton
- 30 Entertainment for their work in commemorating these American heroes.
- 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Tuskegee Airmen and Bryton
- 33 Entertainment members, Denton Adkinson and Bryan Williams.